

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a front teleconverter lens system having superb optical performance with less production of aberration in spite of its compactness. The front teleconverter lens system includes, in order from an object, a first lens group FL having positive refractive power, and a second lens group RL having negative refractive power, and forming an afocal optical system. A diffractive optical surface Gf is arranged in at least one of the first lens group FL and the second lens group RL. The following conditional expression $1.2 < \phi F / \phi R < 10$ is satisfied, where ϕF denotes the effective diameter of the most object side lens surface L101 of the first lens group FL, and ϕR denotes the effective diameter of the most image side lens surface L105 of the second lens group RL.